

January 2016

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUNDS

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) is pleased to announce several opportunities for funding drinking water infrastructure. ALL applications may be submitted year round; however, VDH will conduct one round of evaluations for requests submitted by the deadlines(s). Applications postmarked/received after the due date will be considered for funding in the following round. Funding is made possible by our Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program and the Water Supply Assistance Grant Fund (WSAG) Program (if funds are available). Our **FY 2017** DWSRF Intended Use Plan will be developed using your input on these issues.

(1) Public Comments and Set-Aside Suggestions Invited (Submission deadline April 1, 2016)

To identify ways to improve our Program, VDH seeks meaningful input from the public, the waterworks industry, or other interested party. Anyone may make comments or recommendations to support or revise the Program. Anyone has the opportunity to suggest new or continuing set-aside (nonconstruction) activities. Set-aside funds help VDH assist waterworks owners to prepare for future drinking water challenges and assure the sustainability of safe drinking water. VDH will consider all comments and suggestions submitted by April 1, 2016.

(2) Construction and Refinance Fund Requests (Application deadline April 1, 2016)

Owners of community waterworks and nonprofit noncommunity waterworks are eligible to apply for construction funds. VDH makes selections based on criteria described in the DWSRF Program Design Manual, such as: existing public health problems, noncompliance, affordability, regionalization, the availability of matching funds. Readiness to proceed with construction is a key element. An instruction packet and Construction Project Schedule are included. VDH anticipates a funding level of \$25 million.

(3) 1452(k) Source Water Protection Initiatives (Application deadline April 1, 2016)

This provision allows VDH to loan money for activities to protect important drinking water resources. Loan funds are available to: (1) community and non-profit noncommunity waterworks to acquire land/conservation easements and (2) to community waterworks, only to establish local voluntary incentive-based protection measures.

(4) Planning and Design Grants (Application deadlines April 1, 2016 and Sept. 1, 2016)

Private and public owners of community waterworks are eligible to apply for these grant funds. Grants can be up to \$50,000 per project for small, financially stressed, community waterworks serving fewer than 10,000 persons. Eligible projects may include preliminary engineering planning, design of plans and specifications, performance of source water quality and quantity studies, drilling test wells to determine source feasibility, or other similar technical assistance projects. These funds could assist the waterworks owner in future submittals for construction funds. There are two application deadlines for planning grant application submittals: April 1, 2016 and September 1, 2016. VDH intends to conduct two rounds of evaluations and offers.

The VDH's DWSRF Program Design Manual describes the features of the above opportunities for funding. After receiving the aforementioned public input, VDH will develop a draft Intended Use Plan (IUP) for public review and comment. When developed the draft IUP will describe specific details for use of the funds. A public meeting is planned and written comments will be accepted before submittal of a final version to the USEPA for approval.

Applications, set-aside suggestion forms, Program Design Manuals and information materials are available on our web site: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/odw/financial/dwffundingprogramdetails.htm>. This information can also be obtained from **Steven Pelli, PE, FCAP Director**, by calling (804) 864-7500, faxing (804) 864-7521, or writing to VDH – ODW, 109 Governor St., 6th Floor, Richmond, VA 23219. Any comments can be directed to Mr. Pelli.

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Drinking Water Construction Funding Workshops

VDH will offer funding informational meetings at six locations throughout the state. Attendance is on a first come basis and is limited to 50 people at each location.

Material will focus on Drinking Water Construction funding available through VDH. The Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF) Program will be discussed. You will be asked for your specific suggestions and opinions.

You will be advised on program updates and then guided through program criteria, program applications, and the project scheduling steps needed for smooth project implementation.

If you plan to attend, please return the form below by February 2, 2016 so we may properly plan the meeting. You may mail it to Theresa Hewlett at the above address or fax at 804/864-7521. If you have any questions, please call Theresa Hewlett at 804/864-7501.

I wish to attend the meeting indicated below: NOTE – The Henrico workshop is at the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Piedmont Regional Office.

- ☐ **Henrico** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at the DEQ Piedmont Regional Office's Training Room, 4949-A Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060
- ☐ **Suffolk Area** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Thursday, March 3, 2016 at the Town of Windsor's Municipal Building Counsel Chamber, 8 East Windsor Blvd., Windsor, VA (Isle of Wight County)
- ☐ **Culpeper** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Friday, March 4, 2016 at the County of Culpeper's Board of Supervisors Room (rear entrance to Administration Bldg. and 3-hr. parking across the street), 302 North Main Street, Culpeper, VA
- ☐ **Danville** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Monday, March 7, 2016 at the Pittsylvania/Danville Health District's 2nd Floor Library, 326 Taylor Drive, 2nd Floor, Danville, VA
- ☐ **Abingdon** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the Southwest VA Higher Education Center, Executive Auditorium, Abingdon, VA
- ☐ **Lexington** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the Virginia Military Institute's Preston Library, Turman Room, Lexington, VA

There will be _____ person(s) in my party as follows:

Name	Address	Phone/email/FAX	Representing